

Happy New Year All,

And welcome back! Hope you had a wonderful, restful, and safe holiday season. May the New Year be filled with all things good for you and yours.

Our Corps is already off and running for 2011. This year we will focus on strategic planning efforts in the form of the Civilian Corps Balanced Scorecard (BSC) and our strategic communication (STRATCOM), as well as team building, both internal and external to the Corps, leveraging our contributions to the AMEDD mission to build increasing respect for and trust in the Civilian Corps. It is apparent from the Corps Chief message responses received from you in the field that we have a huge number of folks truly dedicated to promoting, sustaining, and enhancing Soldier health; delivering leading edge health services to our Warriors and Military Family to optimize outcomes; and training, developing, and equipping a medical force that supports full spectrum operations. Thank you for your part in the excellence with which the AMEDD is accomplishing these missions. Your continued support and contributions will increase the trust folks have in our Civilian Corps and the AMEDD at large.

A few bullets for your info:

--Ms. Nancy Quick, your Corps Specific Branch Proponent Officer (CSBPO), and I are headed to DC this week to talk Corps issues with the DA civilian personnel and training leadership. The questions you have sent in response to the Corps Chief messages combine with issues related to civilian workforce transformation to give us some great topics to discuss. More on this post op to the meetings.

-- I should clarify some information on the 30 Year AMEDD Medallion from the last message. We have received several questions about obtaining it for folks currently serving/not retiring. It may not have been clear that this is a retirement award. It is called the "30 Year" Medallion because eligibility requires, with very minor exception, a minimum of 30 years federal service. Again, the reference for the medallion is OTSG/MEDCOM Policy Memo 10-082 (<https://www.us.army.mil/suite/doc/25700420>).

--Looks like 6-8 AMEDD civilians will attend the U.S. Army/Baylor University Masters Degree Program in Healthcare Administration here at the AMEDD Center and School in the coming academic year-a real plus for the Corps and the AMEDD! We'll let you know the names as soon as they are releasable.

--Your responses to the Corps Chief Messages have included a number of excellent questions. Some are specific to an individual situation but many are generic enough to have applicability across the Corps. For the latter, in addition to responses to the questioners, we are preparing Q&A to add to the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section of the Corps web site (<https://ameddciviliancorps.amedd.army.mil>). It might be worth an episodic check there to see if some of the issues could be helpful to you.

Remember, our web site is your web site. Let us know the issues you'd like to see addressed and please send us info/photos on success stories about AMEDD civilians in your organization. Remember to send a release form (<http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/infomgt/forms/eforms/dd2830.pdf>) signed by the folks in the photos to keep all on the up-and-up when we post them to the site. You can reach us using the "Contact Us" link in the web site's upper right corner.

Finally, please continue to share these messages with co-workers who may not have gotten them. Also, past messages are available on the web site under About Us > Corps Chief > Corps Chief Messages.

Thanx again for all you do to support our AMEDD. I look forward to a great 2011 with you.

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